

Phil. 135  
Contemporary Philosophy

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Required Work

Tests: two hour tests (April 21 and May 14) and a take home final (Due Tuesday June 10)

You must complete all required work to pass the course.

The take home final must be submitted as a hard copy (not email attachment).

If you have a valid reason why you cannot take the tests at the prescribed time, or submit the take home final when it is due, I must approve it before that date. Otherwise, there will be a penalty for lateness.

A grade of incomplete will be approved only for a confirmed medical or family emergency. The due date to complete the work will be no later than June 30, 2008.

Readings

Strawson, Freedom and Resentment (in Reader)  
Habermas, Discourse Ethics (in Reader)  
Geuss, The Idea of a Critical Theory  
Rorty, Contingency (in Reader)  
Boghossian, Fear of Knowledge

Assignments

Week 1: Strawson, "Freedom and Resentment" (in Reader). Habermas DE 43-68

Week 2: Habermas DE (in Reader) 43-68, 68-116 .

Week 3: Habermas DE 68-116

Week 4: HOOR TEST (April 21) Geuss, ICT, pp. 26-75

Week 5: Geuss: ICT, pp. 26-75, 75-96

Week 6: Rorty, Contingency (in Reader), 3-44

Week 7: Rorty, Contingency, 44-69. HOOR TEST May 14

Week 8: Boghossian FOK chaps 1-3

Week 9; Boghossian FOK chaps 4-6

Weeks10: Boghossian FOK chaps 7-epilogue